

Boat tragedy: Three pregnant women, 23 others buried

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Three pregnant women and 23 other victims who lost their lives in Tuesday night's boat mishap in Port Harcourt, the Rivers State capital, have been given mass burial near the Rumuolumeni River, where the accident occurred.

Meanwhile, the Rumuolumeni monarch, King Ndubueze Wobo, has called on the Rivers State Governor, Chibiuke Rotimi Amaechi, to assist the community in the reconstruction of the only link road in the area.

The Rivers State Police Spokesman, Ben Ugwuegbulam, who confirmed the casualty figure on Thursday in Port Harcourt, noted that search and rescue efforts were still continuing.

He added that 14 people, including a two-year old baby have so far been rescued.

"As at 1145hrs today, 26 bodies (corpses), including that of a six-year-old girl were found and recovered by the search and rescue team. However, we have intensified efforts in our bid to rescue more passengers of the ill-fated boat," Ugwuegbulam told journalists at the scene of the accident.

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